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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8360

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, C.W.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPSEC ROBINSON: BRIEFING PAPER - BASIC  
ECONOMIC DATA

BASIC ECONOMIC DATA

POPULATION 41.8 MILLION

DENSITY 348 PER SQ. MILE

GROWTH RATE 2.7 PERCENT

INCOME DISTRIBUTION (PERCENTAGE OF NATIONAL INCOME)

HIGHEST 20 PERCENT - 54.0 PERCENT

LOWEST 20 PERCENT - 3.6 PERCENT

GNP (1975) - \$15.4 BILLION (CURRENT PRICES)

GROWTH RATE - 5.8 PERCENT (AT CONSTANT PRICES)

GNP PER CAPITA - \$368 (CURRENT PRICES)

INFLATION -1974 - 34.5 PERCENT

1975 - 8.0 PERCENT

1976 - (1ST HALF) - 5.3 PERCENT (ANNUAL RATE)

FOREIGN TRADE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (1975) (\$MILLION)

EXPORTS 1974 1975

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EXPORTS 2,720 2,290 (28 PERCENT TO US)

IMPORTS            3,140     3,460 (22 PERCENT FROM US)  
TRADE BALANCE       -420     -1,170  
PAYMENTS BALANCE PLUS 80       -520

PRINCIPAL TRADING PARTNERS - JAPAN (1), U.S. (2)  
PRINCIPAL EXPORTS - SUGAR, COCONUT PRODUCTS, COPPER  
CONCENTRATES, WOOD PRODUCTS.

GROSS DIRECT INVESTMENT INFLOWS - APPROX \$400 MILLION  
SINCE 1970 (OF WHICH ABOUT \$190 MILLION FROM U.S.).

EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS

DEBT - \$4.5 BILLION  
DEBT SERVICE RATIO - 13.8 PERCENT  
INTERNATIONAL RESERVES \$1.14 BILLION  
EXCHANGE RATE - US \$1.00 EQUALS 7.43  
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